

John Atwood – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

John Atwood was the son of Eldad Atwood and Anna Snow. He was born in Eastham in 1684. He was one of the many Eastham second and third generation Atwoods who received Eastham land grants. John and Anna might be buried in unmarked graves in Wellfleet Duck Creek Cemetery where many Atwoods are buried.

1711

Granted to John Atwood and his heirs about four acres consisting of three parcels at Little Billingsgate. The first parcel was about two acres near his dwelling house. The second parcel was about one acre on the north side of the highway by his dwelling house. The third parcel was one small island of about one acre next to Duck Creek. Bounds of all three parcels were indicated by marked trees. PDF T57.

Granted to John Atwood and his heirs about ten acres at Little Billingsgate on the east side of his house and near the Herring River. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T57.

Granted to John Atwood, Joshua Atwood, Samuel Doane, Daniel Smith and James Smith in joint and equal partnership about six acres on the southwesterly side of Great Island at Billingsgate. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T90.

1715

Granted to John Atwood and his heirs several parcels of land at Little Billingsgate. The first parcel was about two acres between Atwood's meadow and land of Joseph Atkins and land of Daniel Mayo. The second parcel was about three acres between Atwood's land and the way that went from his land to the Herring River. The third parcel was about three acres between Atwood's meadow and Daniel Mayo's meadow. The fourth parcel was about two acres at Chequesset Point. The fifth parcel was about one acre near Atwood's barn. The sixth and last parcel was about one-half acre between Atwood's land and land of Daniel Mayo and land of the Ministry. Bounds of these parcels were indicated by marked trees. PDF T247.

Granted to John Atwood and his heirs a wood lot next to the wood lot of John Doane Jr. The dimensions of his wood lot were east 320 pole and north twenty-five pole which would be about fifty acres. These large wood lots ran east to the Backside Sea. PDF T290.

1720

John Atwood brought an action of trespass against Benjamin Sweat for mowing and carrying off hay from part of a meadow which Atwood purchased from Capt. Jonathan Bangs. Atwood received a judgment against Sweat at Barnstable in October 1720. Sweat then appealed to the Proprietors of Eastham. John Sparrow and Jonathan Linnell were appointed by the Town to settle the matter. The meadow in question was on the southerly side of the Herring River at Billingsgate. Boundaries were redrawn involving one and one-half acres to settle the matter. PDF T324.

The Eastham land owned by John Atwood described in these records amounts to about seventy-five acres. By 1745 twenty more Atwoods received Eastham land grants.